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# The STEIN

Week of April 21, 1969 Vol. II, No. 24

**"The Subject Was Roses" Opens May 1**

## Mr. Steele Cast In Players' Prod.

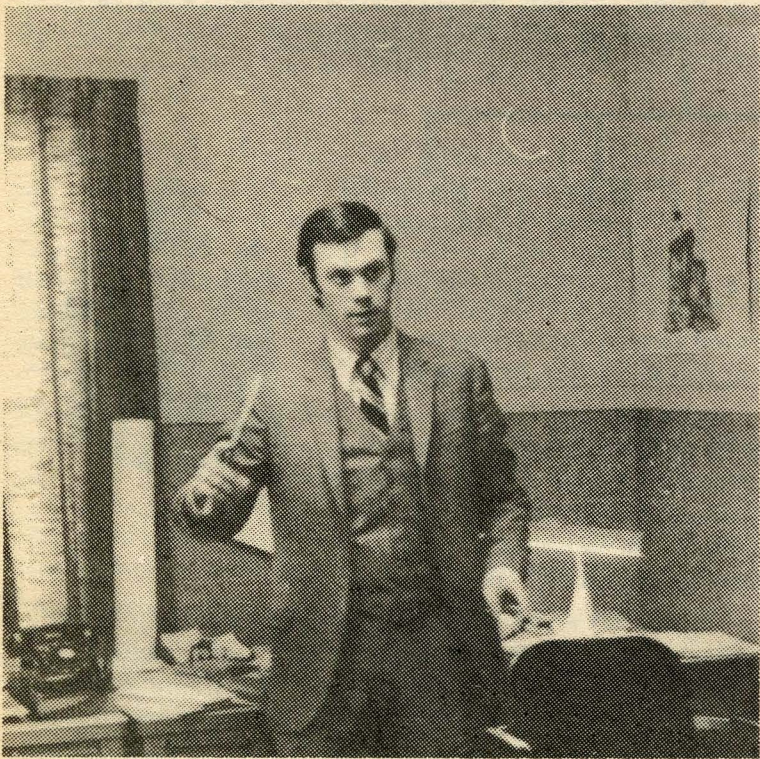


Photo by Patrick O'Regan

William P. Steele, instructor of speech at UMP, will appear in the Portland Players' production of "The Subject Was Roses," which opens May 1st.

Mr. Steele recently won critical acclaim for his portrayal of Sebastian in the Players' production of "Twelfth Night." In Frank Gilroy's Pulitzer Prize winning play, Mr. Steele will be seen as the son Tim, who has just come home from three years of military service.

Depicting the frictions and frustrations in the relationships between mother, father and son, "The Subject Was Roses" places the son at the conflict's focal point. However, comedy is the keynote of the drama, in which situations become laughable and the characters are more amusing than tragic.

Mr. Steele has directed Pinter's "Review Sketches" and Albee's "The American Dream" at UMP and "War of the Words" for the Portland Players Workshop.

As a student at Orono, Mr. Steele was active in the Maine Masque Theatre, playing James Keller in "The Miracle Worker," among other roles. During two seasons with U. of M.'s Summer Theatre, he played Tom in "The Glass Menagerie" and the Lieutenant of Bellhops in "Oh Dad, Poor Dad," and served as business manager.

In 1965-66 Mr. Steele was Sports Director at Bangor's Station WLBZ-TV. He has appeared in commercials on TV locally.

Mr. Steele is the author of a book "The Character of Melodrama," published by the U. of M. Press at Orono in 1968. He has also written articles on

theatre and oral interpretation published in "The Maine Teacher" magazine.

Playing Nettie Cleary, the mother, will be Ramona Leighton of Falmouth. Mrs. Leighton, the mother of five, is a veteran of three Portland Players shows. She has studied drama and dance and has taught in the YWCA Theatre Arts program. A voice student of UMP's music professor Marshall Bryant, Mrs. Leighton has been contralto soloist at St. Luke's Cathedral for the past five years.

Bert Narbis, a newcomer to Portland, will portray John Cleary. He has had many years of acting and directing experience with the Pittsfield, Mass., Town Players and at the University of Massachusetts, where he received his B.A. degree. A veteran of WWII, during which he served in the infantry in Europe, Narbis is now a cost accountant with G.E. He has three school-aged children.

UMP's Provost David R. Fink, a close friend of playwright Gilroy, was one of the original backers of "The Subject Was Roses." The play won the New York Drama Critics Award as well as the Pulitzer prize.

Due to the play's particular interest and relevance for young people, the Players will admit students at the special price of one dollar for the two Thursday evening performances, on May 1 and 8, and the Sunday matinee on May 4. Student tickets for Friday and Saturday performances will be available at the regular student price of \$2.50. The box office will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 29 through May 2 and May 5-9.

## Inspector Preaches Against Cop Violence

On Friday morning, April 11, in wake of incidents Thursday at Harvard, the Chief Inspector of Scotland Yard told a group of UMP faculty and students that he noted "a bizarre attitude in the conduct of American police." He said that situations such as the one at University Hall, which he had witnessed himself while visiting Harvard on the 10th, might have been "well handled by three bobbies or a good shower."

"The use of clubs is restrained in England," where he said, "we have demonstrations and outbursts that would make Chicago look like a Sunday walk." He said in his career he used his night-stick twice, "once while pursuing a murderer and later in subduing a deadly cobra that was molesting an old lady."

"I'm against policemen being armed. (Policemen in England carry no firearms.) We don't believe in shooting each other," he said, pointing out the lack of proper training, and the endless arsenal of weapons available to the policeman.

He said that from what he has seen in this country, the lack of education available to the policeman is the major concern for the future of proper police protection as long as it is needed. "The average training program is a four-week course, with a text of twenty-four pages that leaves most legal decisions up to the officer himself," Hudson continued, "He makes too many on-the-spot decisions in the name of law."

He cited cases where illegal search, entry without warrant, and illegal questioning of suspects has a very disastrous effect on the public image of the American police. "Policemen in England receive extensive training, with psychology, sociology and cultural understanding, that give them a good idea of how to handle the people they are protecting and to understand each other."

"Policemen in England are respected and they respect. If they were to holler 'pig', he would be 'arrested' by a citizen."

(Ed. note - While the reporter, S. Perry, was compiling this story, a law enforcement officer ticketed his car on a street near the University, but failed to nail him later when he parked in a "Parking Prohibited" area 2 1/2 blocks from the main police office.)



**"Jolly Good Weather!"**

## Britishers - - Alive And Well At UMP

by Marlis Lawrence

Visiting UMP this week on their Easter vacation are eighteen British students. All attend King Alfred College at Westminster, in the southern part of England.

One of the students I talked to was John Downs, who is from Bradford, Yorkshire. He is in his second year preparing to be a teacher, and plans to teach children in the nine to thirteen age group. For this, he majors in English and takes other varied courses in education.

John said he found a difference between English and American colleges in the attitude of dress and also in the question of dormitories. He and the rest of the group have visited colleges in Massachusetts as well as Maine and have found dorm rules rather outmoded. He observed, "There is no open-house policy as we have. I think in England we are more liberal." He thinks American students are more conservative in their manner of dress, also.

There exists a difference in the question of jobs also. British college students, since they are subsidized by the government, generally do not hold parttime jobs. They find summer jobs, then leave them and go back to school in the fall.

John said that his summer job consisted mostly of mowing lawns, when English weather permitted. He was really surprised that our current weather was so mild and sunny. "At home we have a fortnight of summer, maybe in July, maybe in August. You can never tell."

I talked also with Dennis Williamson, a divinity major. He liked our sunshine so much that he hadn't attended any classes

when I talked to him. He did have a chance to watch television, though, and what he saw did not please him.

"There are so many commercials and quiz shows, nothing really interesting." British television, he said, is not only more educational, but more liberal. Although the television network is run by the state, there is an opportunity for programs to knock the government.

According to Dennis, the educational system is more liberal, also, especially in the elementary grades. Most elementary pupils work in small groups together and can go more or less at their own speed in their best subject.

Both Dennis and John commented about the differences in the examination systems of England and America:

John: "In England, at about age fifteen, you are required to pass O-level (ordinary level) exams in about nine subjects. You must pass these in order to get into a college. To become a teacher, you must receive a certificate from a teacher's college."

Dennis (who wasn't familiar with our manner of finals): "Don't you have a university exam so you can graduate?"

I told him no, then proceeded to explain the point system. He was, no doubt, thoroughly confused; but he went on to explain that there are several exams to be passed before you get a job in England. There are the aforementioned university exams, then the major firms in, say, accounting give exams. One must pass the exam given by the leading accounting firm in order to get a good job as an accountant.

John and Dennis both mentioned that about one-half of the young people in England do not go on to college. Many get jobs when they are fifteen. Girls generally work until they get married, then they remain housewives. Very few married English women work outside their homes.

'One last comment by both boys. "English girls generally have better legs."

## What's Happening?

COMPILED BY BILL STONE

Here's the rundown on what's happening for your entertainment and cultural enrichment from April 18 through the 24.

Friday the 18 Vista and Peace Corp representatives will be on campus for the last day. This is worth examining if future plans have not been finalized. The flick for Friday (8:00 p.m., Luther Bonney Auditorium) features Spencer Tracy as an old time political boss.

Lectures this week, sponsored by the International Relations Club included a visit by a State Department team on Monday. They will be in Luther Bonney Auditorium from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday. They will cover such topics as N.A.T.O., the European Common Market, the Arab Israeli conflict, Viet-Nam, and careers in the U.S. Diplomatic Service.

The International Relations Club is also sponsoring an Arab-speaker on Tuesday April 22, 1:00 p.m., Luther Bonney Auditorium and an Israeli speaker on Thursday, 1:00 p.m., Luther Bonney Auditorium. Both of these lectures will be followed by a question and answer period.

Can UMP Have a Campus  
Radio Station? See Next  
Week's STEIN.



EDITORIALS

Student leaders on any campus can be divided into two groups: those who run for office out of a desire to work for their fellow students, and those who run to get their pictures in the yearbook. UMP has both. Unfortunately, the latter is beginning to predominate.

Each year, positions are filled by write-ins or by people running unopposed. Of four officers elected last year (in a class which will remain anonymous) three ran unopposed and the fourth won by less than 20 write-in votes. This year has been no exception, at least as far as the nomination of Senate officers is concerned. At the nominating deadline of 4 pm, Monday, 3 people were running for president, 1 for vice president, 3 for treasurer, and 3 for campus mayor. Only these few, out of a campus of 1250 (actually, this is more than usual).

The only thing about the elections that is worse than the small number of nominees is the poor turnout of voters. On the average, 20-25% of the student body votes in each election. All year long students complain about something the student leaders have or haven't done; but all they do is complain. Students want more class outings or lower dues, but they never go to class meetings and few (if any) run for office.

It is now too late to encourage anyone to run for a position as Senate officer; all that is possible now is to get out and VOTE! It only takes a few seconds in a two-day period, and students who always complain about having nothing to do at UMP, should welcome the chance to have even a few seconds of activity, especially if the activity is as constructive as voting for your own representatives.

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Letters  
To The  
Editor

An Open Letter to Provost Fink

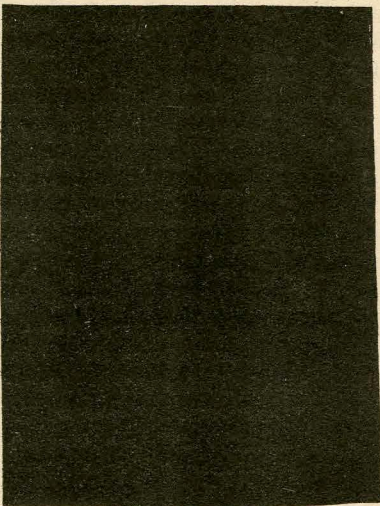
Dear Sir:

As Maine Day approaches, my thoughts return to last Maine Day and the Faculty-Student Softball Game, surely a hit of the day.

You will remember that the students protested that game for the strange and shady happenings in the last of the ninth. The students were leading going into the last of the ninth before the faculty and administration called time and hatched a diabolical plot. First they introduced a "rabbit" ball and promptly began to get some hits. Then you, sir, somehow got on base. Now came the crucial play. A hit by one of the faculty sent you running for second where we tagged you out. An obvious out. However, the umpire, a person under your employ, deemed you safe, the final step in the plot. Dr. Bay was fortunate to hit a home run off our tiring pitcher to win the game for the faculty.

It is because of these sinister circumstances which surround last year's game that we students challenge you to a rematch this Maine Day. Also, please note that the Owls and Eagles have donated a plaque to be hung in the new gym, wherever it is finished, with each year's winner on it. A rejection of this challenge would show that the students did WIN last year.

Sincerely,  
Rick Bonaventura

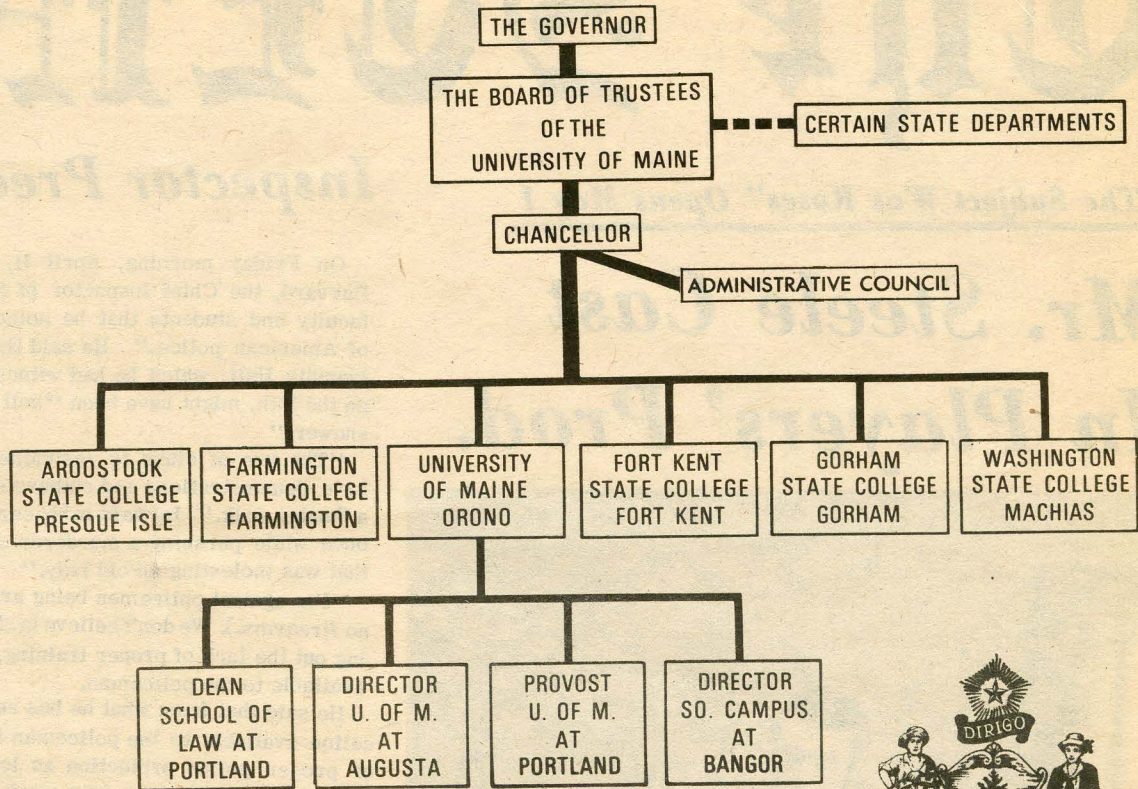


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Welcome to U.M.P. The second largest institution in the newly expanded University of Maine. Otherwise known as Orono II.

In order to reach the Chancellor and thereby obtain audience with the rulers of the system a student at U.M.P has to go to the Provost here in Portland. The Provost then goes to the President of U.M.O. who in turn goes to the Chancellor. The student enrollment at U.M.P. is 1,177.

Demonstration  
Down-East Style

I had a delightful tale of a demonstration as conducted by down-easters all drafted for this issue. Drafted on the basis of a demonstrated response for student participation. Unfortunately I seriously over-estimated the UMP student. The demonstration, for those that attended, was a success, measured in terms of a very pleasant and informative day. On the other side it was the usual slap in the face to interest one in his university and the sincere members of his faculty.

Professor Reid of the Art Department arranged for and conducted with other members of the Art Department faculty an excellent trip to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The immediate response was terrific. Extra transportation was planned for the overflow of signees for the trip. To the shame of the students we had less than 50% of these show up.

I have long made excuses for the general dis-interest of the student body here on campus, administration, faculty and affairs in general, to my complete and utter disgust. I have witnessed what I must consider the embarrassment of one of your better faculty members. He may not consider this as so, for I suspect that many of the faculty no longer expect much more from you. I did, if only as a token of respect for a man whose enthusiasm for his subject must be communicated in his every class. Here is no martinet extolling regurgitation. Here is a knowledgeable person sincere in his efforts to turn out thinking articulate graduates. He is representative of many of UMP's faculty and it is to your shame that these people must continue to throw fresh water into a stagnant pond.

- Joe Jr.



If you are a student at Washington State College (enrollment 419), Aroostook State College (enrollment 450), Fort Kent State College (enrollment 288), Farmington State College (enrollment 880), or Gorham State College (enrollment 1,150), you can go to the Chancellor directly through the College President.

But U.M.P. is a "feeder college" and there is no doubt about who is doing the feeding on whom.

Arab, Israeli Speak Here

As was reported in last week's issue, representatives from the Arab and Israeli delegations will be coming to our campus next week. The Arab speaker will deliver his topic at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday; the Israeli at the same time the following Thursday. Both men will be at Luther Bonney Auditorium and a question and answer period will follow their speeches. Both men have admirable and impressive credentials and are well versed in their respective fields and should therefore provide our audiences with the opportunity to gain a valuable insight on the situation in the Middle East.

Mr. Mahmoud El-Okdah, the Chief of Research for the Arab States Delegations Office, has a B.A. and an M.A. degree in Political Science from Cairo University and is now a ph.d candidate in International Relations at the University of Pennsylvania. He held a Fulbright Scholarship during the academic year. In 1961, he was one of the students chosen to be a United Nations trainee during the summer. From 1957 to 1960, he worked as a reporter in Cairo for the newspaper, Al-Akhbar and the semi-monthly periodical "Al-Ahram, The Economist." He has been head of the Research Section of the Arab States Delegations Office since April, 1964.

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The Jeff  
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Sports Scene

In an interview with head coach Sturgeon and assistant Coach Hadlock, the upcoming baseball season was looked at with optimism. The competition in every position is strong and blended with a crop of Freshmen; the team will play an exciting brand of ball.

The major source of concern will be the hitting and this will lead to a reliance on speed and defense. Coach Sturgeon said that there were some capable hitters on the team but lack of outdoor batting practice will hurt them in the early games. The defense is sound at every position and this will lead to "a lot of versatility."

The most important part of any team is the pitching, and in this position UMP is not as strong as anticipated. The staff is lead by veteran captain Bob Lapp and backed up by four Freshman. It is hoped, that these four, Mark Bernstein, John Bulter, Charly Stebbins, and Mark Goldstein will improve with each game.

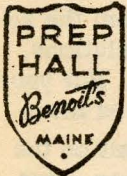
This team make-up will cause it to play as coach Hadlock calls it, "an exciting brand of ball." Daring base running, sacrifice bunting and hustle will remind fans of pre-1968 Chicago White Sox ball.

Coach Sturgeon was pleased with the twenty-five men who showed up for try outs. Those who showed up displayed a great deal of enthusiasm and hustle. He was disappointed that certain people who could have played did not bother to show up. The team was also hurt when players who were counted on sustained injuries.

This has been a general look at the 1969 Viking Baseball team.. I will examine the team in greater depth later in the season. The coaches and players will be trying all season long to field a winner. They deserve your support and loyalty.

ATTENTION!!!

Spring is here. The warm sunshine sweet air, and green grass are getting to you. You feel that you would like to get out and do something; you enjoy sports but wonder whether or not you're good enough. Well here's your chance. The baseball team would like two managers. As a manager you will go on all the trips and be where the action is. If you are interested, don't wait, contact Coach Sturgeon or Coach Martin this week.



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Robert Beaudy, Chairman of the State Department team which will be in Luther Bonney Hall from 2:45 on Monday, April 21.

The International Relations Club and UMP in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State are sponsoring a program entitled "Community Meeting on Foreign Policy." The State Department team will visit many areas of the community including UMP, Gorham, and Westbrook Junior College. They will be in Luther Bonney Auditorium for interviews with the press and news media 1:30 and will follow it by an open assembly at 2:45. After brief introductions, there will be an open discussion with questions from the floor moderated by Prof. John Pierce of the Political Science Department.

The team consists of experts in several areas involving foreign policy. Robert M. Beaudy, Chairman of the team, is Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European Affairs. Mr. Beaudy will cover NATO and the European Common Market. Robert Dillon has recently been appointed to the State for Political Affairs. He has served as Political Officer in the U.S. Embassy in Turkey and in the Department of State in the Near East Bureau.

David J. Carpenter, Public Affairs advisor with the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, is concerned primarily with Viet Nam. Mr. Carpenter has served in the political section in the U.S. Embassy in Viet Nam. Sally Shafer who is arrangement officer for the Bureau of Public Affairs will discuss careers in the U.S. Diplomatic Service.

The team will be touring Maine from April 21 through April 25.

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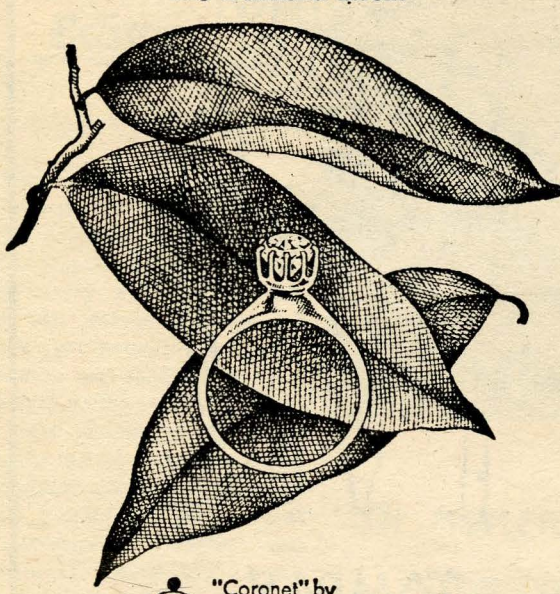
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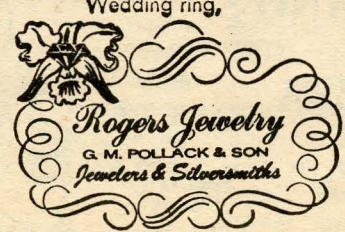
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At Literary Hour

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Record Turnout  
At Bird Concert

A record crowd of over 60 people attended a Circle K-sponsored concert last Friday, featuring Square White Bird. Circle K presented the concert to give people on campus a choice of something different to do. Student response was as usual.

The six members of Square White Bird alternately played electric piano, bass, lead, sax, drums, recorder, tambourine, harmonica, and trumpet, displaying talent uncommon to local groups. Decidely not just a rock group, Square White Bird played blues, sophisticated rock, soul, and their own compositions. The numbers ranged from Dionne Warwick to the Beatles, with a variation of "Eleanor Rigby" which showed imagination and skill.

The limited audience responded favorably and seemed to enjoy the entire performance.

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The Student Union Film Series will present "THE LAST HURRAH" and a ROADRUNNER cartoon this Friday night, April 18, in the Luther Bonney Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Movies are free to students with I.D.'s and 50¢ to the public.

THE LAST HURRAH stars Spencer Tracy, Jeffrey Hunter, Pat O'Brien, Donald Crisp, Basil Rathbone, James Gleason and Dianne Foster.

Edwin O'Connor's best seller of the old time political boss who ruled a big "New England City" won another screen acclaim for Spencer Tracy. Tracy is Mayor Frank Skeffington, the long-time political machine who has the respect and adoration of his people. As it slices its way around a great city during a hot campaign, "THE LAST HURRAH" presents a vivid portrait of a man and the metropolis he helped build.

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FOR  
People Only

by Frank Wood

THE MAKING OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT: 1969

Well its election time again on our politically orientated campus. I'm writing from election central high atop the marble courts.

Spring is finally here and with the flowing of the sap comes the flowing of the rhetoric. It's the same line Student Power. On a campus where they need one administrator to run student affairs, it seems ludicrous to talk of student power. But talk they do and of course they add that catch phrase "responsible student power" as if power is suppose to be responsible (Therefore the war in Vietnam is a responsible act of power).

But enough of my own rhetoric. Let us look closely at the life of a typical student politician.

Freshman year: run for President of the class. Spend half the year planning for the formal, spend the next half paying off the formal. Decide maybe this isn't where the action is. Hoping to find where it's at, you run for Campus mayor.

Sophomore year: Spend half the year taking polls for the carnival ball, spend the rest of the year explaining away the polls Shades of Machevelli. Still don't feel totally involved in the mainstream of politics.

Junior year: run for the senate. With three seats and three running the campaigning is not too strenuous. You win. Now you are confronted with parliamentary procedure. So it takes you a half year to get recognized. Now you speak. People like your idea. You decide maybe you should run for senate president; this certainly will mold you into a political animal. The grueling campaign ensues. The great debate where you talk about responsible student power, the posters saying Snoopy likes you and other Madison Avenue techniques such as the better man the far better man. After a half hour of vote counting, you are declared the winner.

Immediately the administration calls you in and congratulates you. Every day they pat you on the back at least once. They even put you on committees. You're the number one man on campus.

Senior year: Each day you get a memo from the administration with a helpful hint or a congratulations. The faculty starts treating you with respect. But your integrity is at stake; you must show them you mean business. You boldly propose that students sit on the student affairs committee. The administration cries Yes. There, what student power. I mean what responsible student power. You are the walking manifestation of a sixth grade civic book (TRLP). Now its second semester and you realize that there should be more changes. But grad school would be nice. And recommendations are needed. Besides you have students on the student affairs committee what else could you want. And the elections are coming. The Board of Trustees have met 48 times while you were in school.

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Mr. Moshe Ofer, Consul General of Israel in Boston, assumed his post after a four years' term of office in Zurich, as Consul General of Israel in Switzerland. Before his appointment to Switzerland, Mr. Ofer was Acting Director of the Ministry's West European Department. He also served as Personal Assistant to Ambassador Abba Eban at the Israel Embassy in Washington. For a short term he filled the post of Consul of Israel in Bombay, India. Mr. Ofer immigrated to Palestine in his early youth and joined the Pioneer Student Movement and the Haganah. He was a founding member of Kibbutz Hamadia in the Biesan Valley. In 1946 he was sent to the United States as an emissary of the Jewish Agency. In the months preceeding Israel's independence, Mr. Ofer took aviation training in the United States and, upon his return to Israel, at the outbreak of the War of Independence, he served as a pilot with the rank of Captain in the Israeli Air Force. He holds a M.A. degree from the School of Social Research, New York.